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Alfrieda: Here are our close-to-final talking points for our Ashue Rd. project action on Monday (8/12). This is all we will be saying for the foreseeable future. Please call me if you have questions or need additional information.....Mark

1. At the request of Yakama Nation officials, EPA is working closely with Yakama Nation staff and Yakima County staff to investigate the potential threat that may be posed by asbestos from demolition debris disposed on private property near Wapato, Washington, within the Yakama Nation.
2. Results of an earlier EPA assessment, performed in October 2012, confirmed the presence of asbestos fibers and indicated that more investigation was warranted.
3. Since those results were obtained, EPA has participated in a series of negotiations, with several parties, to launch the next level of investigation. Since no action seemed imminent after many months of discussion, we decided to move the investigation forward ourselves.
4. Since we have just begun working at the site, we don't have a precise read yet on how long this phase will take to finish. However, we hope to be finished with this phase by Friday (8-16).
5. Because EPA may pursue formal enforcement action as a result of our work here, we decline to comment or discuss the investigation further.

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